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SABBATH SERVICES.

Sabbath School.....	9:30 A. M.
Church Services.....	10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M.
Y. P. S. C. E.....	6:45 P. M.
Prayer Meeting, (Wednesday)	7:30 P. M.

Young peoples' social and entertainment, Thursday evening, September 26th.

At the Sunday School picnic, held in Swinney park, August 15th, the candy and ice cream stand netted \$8.40.

Sabbath evening, September 22nd, the Young Peoples' Society will have charge of the service, at 7:30.

The Harvest Home and Rally Day service of the Sunday School and church, will be held Sabbath, September 29th.

The fall communion service Sabbath morning, October 13th. Preparatory service on the Sabbath previous, at 10:30 a. m.

The October meeting of the Womans Aid Society, will be held Thursday afternoon, October 3rd. Supper from 5:30 to 9:30 p. m.

Mrs. Frank Leikauf has gone to Chicago to visit friends.

Don't forget the Young Peoples' Social, Thursday evening, September 19th.

The ice cream stand in charge of the ladies of Grace church, at the Orphan Home Anniversary, netted \$40.35 for the home.

The Ohio Synod meets at Wadsworth, Ohio, Wednesday, October 23. The pastor expects to attend this meeting unless providentially prevented.

Since the last issue of the Visitor, Sections No. 2 and 3 of the Womans Aid Society gave suppers. Reports of both sections are not yet complete. As reported up to date, section No. 2, Mrs. Walter, chairman, netted \$32.70. Section No. 3, Mrs. Rüdasil, chairman, \$28.28.

The young people have resumed their regular Sabbath evening prayer-meeting services at 6.45. The first meeting was held on Sunday evening, September 15th. The attendance at this meeting was most encouraging to the young people. A faithful effort will be made to get all of the young people of the church and Sunday school to attend these Sabbath evening prayer meetings.

THE RED HAND OF ANARCHY.

The American people have for once been thoroughly aroused to a sense of the fact that anarchy has found a nesting and hatching place in the new world. The assassination of our president by the hand of an anarchist has startled the whole civilized world. It is distressing to the American people to loose so efficient and noble a man as President McKinley, but it is a source of added grief and sorrow when this noble chief fell by the hand of such a vile and depraved wretch as Leon Czolgosz. If our beloved president would have died a natural death, the nation would even then have been broken hearted and disconsolate; but how much greater our sorrow when this noble chief fell by the hand of an anarchist. We can scarcely conceive how it is possible that a man could be born and reared in this country of liberty and christian privileges who should be so inconceivably wicked and depraved as to be able to commit the fiendish act which this man committed. It is to be hoped that now for once the American people will stop to think, and then make a determined effort to root out this dangerous and deadly element in our country. Then also, let the christian, and peace, and order loving American citizens understand that all manner of lawlessness engenders this spirit of socialism and anarchy. The disregard which the American people are showing for God's law in these days is ominous, and only ominous of evil to the welfare and prosperity of our country. There is a deafening cry raised against anarchy

since the perpetration of the awful tragedy at Buffalo; but it has been justly said that many of these people who are so deeply incensed at what has happened, have not by their actions been very pronounced against the spirit and principles of anarchy. We fear very much that socialism and anarchy have been taking courage and been nurtured by the spirit of lawlessness so manifest throughout our country in these days. Anarchy is the pronounced enemy of all law, order and authority. It is lawlessness. It knows no law, no obedience to authority. The more defiant and open the violation of God's law in a community, by that much more the community encourages the spirit of anarchy. Let the christian people of our country be God fearing, law abiding, and the pressure will be tremendous against these alien spirits and isms that are threatening the peace and happiness of our country, and the safety of our rulers. The government should be after these avowed enemies of law and order. The nesting places of anarchy and socialism should be hunted down and burned up root and branch. No kind of tolerance should be shown to these people. But let the churches and christian people take a lesson, and show such a spirit of reverence for God's law and the institutions of God, which make for righteousness and truth, and the welfare of society, and the state, that lawlessness and anarchy will never again in any way be fostered and encouraged on American soil. Sabbath desecration and disregard for divine law has been rampant. A halt must come. We hope and pray that it has now come.

DEATHS,

Louis Wilkening, after a lingering illness of some months, died at his home, on east Washington street, on Saturday afternoon, September 7th. He was born August 16, 1854. Aged at the time of his death, 54 years and 21 days. He leaves to mourn his death, his wife and three sons. Mr. Wilkening had been a resident of Fort Wayne for five or six years. Funeral services were held at the home on Monday afternoon, Sept. 9th, and on the following day the remains were taken to Covington, Ky., for burial.

Carrie Vining, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James W. Vining, died at the family residence, four miles north of the city, on Thursday evening, September 12. Her death came as the result of a malignant form of diphtheria. Everything that medical skill could do to save her life was done, but all to no avail. She was only sick a few days, but suffered intensely. Her death was most unexpected to the family, the community and to the church. An added sorrow to the family and friends was the fact that no one could be with them in their affliction and bereavement. Carrie had been a member of Grace church for a number of years, having united with the congregation soon after its organization. She was a consistent and devoted member. A kind, affectionate and solicitous daughter. She was undoubtedly conscious of her condition for sometime before death came. She expressed the wish that she might be with her sister Myrtie, who passed into the heavenly home a few years ago. Her mother commended her to put her trust in the

"loving Savior," and to him she committed her soul. She was aged 39 years, four months and 7 days. The funeral services were private, and were held on Friday afternoon, Sept. 13th. She leaves to mourn her death, her father and mother and one sister, and many friends, one sister having preceded her to the eternal world. This sorrowing and bereaved family surely has the prayers and sympathy of the whole church and of their many friends. By the sudden and unexpected death of this sister, we should again be admonished of the uncertainty of human life. Surely no one knows what to-morrow has in store for us. We do not know when death shall come. The Master says, "Therefore be ye also ready; for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh." Our prayer is, that the Lord may comfort and sustain this friends in their bereavement and great sorrow.

Mrs. Knight, Mrs. Boger, Mrs. Lecklider, Misses Lizzie and Nellie Rudisil, Misses Elsie and Minnie Weikart, Chas. Knight, spent a day at Winona Lake during the Bible Conference.

Section No. 4, of the Ladies' Society, Mrs. Henry Kessler, chairman, will give the monthly supper on Thursday evening, Oct. 3rd. We have not yet been apprised of what this section will have for its supper, but we are always safe in saying that no one can go amiss in taking supper with the ladies of Grace church. Section No. 5, Mrs. A. M. Henderson, chairman, will give the supper in November.

The October issue will complete the Eleventh volume of the Visitor.

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Mr. and Mrs. Arnold are now living in their new home on Archer Ave.

Mrs. Herman Tapp and daughter Bessie, have returned from the east, where they spent the summer months.

Mrs. A. R. Hills and sons left for Petoskey in August. In a recent letter we learned that Mrs. Hills stood the trip very well.

Mr. Daniel Null has been ill with typhoid fever for some time. He is improving very rapidly now, and we hope will soon be quite well.

Mrs. Henry Kessler was called to Sandusky by the death of her brother. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to all the relatives and friends.

Miss Lottie Bitner spent three weeks with relatives and friends in Elkhart, Ind. We missed her very much and are glad to have her with us again.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Close attended the Grand Army reunion at Cleveland, and from there went on to Buffalo. They were absent about two weeks.

While at Winona the pastor's family had the great pleasure of having with them Mrs. Margaret Vogt, of Upper Sandusky, an aunt of the pastor, Mrs. Von Blon, also of Upper Sandusky, and the pastor's nephews, Rev. P. E. Zartman, of Philadelphia, Mr. C. W. Vogt, of Chicago, and Mr. Evon Z. Vogt, of Dayton.

Mr. James Erard, who was so painfully injured during the summer has completely recovered.

Mr. Ed. C. Close was in Buffalo during the time of the President's illness and death. He says he never saw such crowds and such excitement.

Miss Maggie Haverly, who was ill for several weeks is able to be up and around again. We are glad she has so nearly recovered, and hope soon to see her in her place at our church services.

During the past few weeks a special effort has been made to interest all the young people of the church in the work of the Young Peoples' Society. There are many of our young people who do not attend the meetings of the society, through carelessness or indifference. In order that this work may be successful, it is necessary that everyone should help. For a long time it has been left with just a few to see that the society is kept alive. This winter we want all the young people of the church and Sunday School to help with the work. The regular prayer meetings are held on Sunday evenings at 7:00 o'clock, while the business meetings are held the second Tuesday evening of each month, at half past seven. Sunday evening, September 22nd, there will be special services in interest of the young peoples' work. At seven o'clock there will be a short prayer service for the young people in the lecture rooms, and then the meeting in the auditorium immediately after. We would urge the young people to attend these services.

THE NEW PRESIDENT, Theodore Roosevelt, is a member of the Reformed church, and while at Washington attends services at the Grace Reformed church, of which Rev. J. M. Shick is pastor. This congregation worships in one of the most humble little church buildings in the national capitol. When Mr. Roosevelt first went to Washington to take the office of Vice-President, he at once went to this mission church and secured a pew for himself and his family. This evidences the President's devotion to the church of his fathers, as also the unassuming and humble spirit of the man. The new president has proven himself during all of his former life to be a devout christian, a lover and defender of righteousness and truth. While the nation bitterly mourns the death of its noble and godly chief, there is much to comfort us in our sorrow and bereavement in the fact that our new president is an avowed christian, a man whose convictions and principles are fixed, and who has enthroned Christ in his heart and life, surrendered unto God and looking to Christ for counsel and wisdom. The nation will have assurance and confidence in its new chief and leader.

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Y. P. S. C. E.**PRAYER MEETING TOPICS AND LEADERS.****SEPTEMBER.**

22. The saloon power doomed. Ps. 17:1-10. (Temperance meeting.) Josephine Zartman.

29. Missions, growth of the kingdom. Ps. 72. Ernest Close.

OCTOBER.

6. "This grace also." 2 Cor. 8:7-9. (Giving.) John Knight.

13. Dark days and their lessons. Ps. 107:1-15. William Walter.

20. A bad bargain. Gen. 25:29-34. Lottie Bitner.

RALLY DAY—Sept. 29 will be observed as rally day for the Sunday School and church. The season of the year is at hand when our families are all back to the city again. The weather also is much cooler, and now let every person in the church get into line and begin work in good earnest. Every member of the church that has any heart in the Lord's work and any devotion for his church will surely get out to the Sunday services, and in this way give encouragement and influence to the pastor and congregation in the work of the Lord. With so many opportunities to do good, and of extending the Lord's kingdom, we must often wonder why any church member can lack in devotion and energy. Something unquestionably must be wrong. There must be a lack of interest, a want of love for souls as well as for Christ. Brother or sister, if your heart is cold, if you find yourself indifferent, be admonished of your condition and turn, turn now to Christ and get your heart warm.

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